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CalFed Bay-Delta Program 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155 Sacramento CA 95814 Attn: Rick Breitenbach

Dear Mr. Breitenbach,

Re: CalFed Plan

The time has come for the State of California to come to the realization that the further exploitation of our natural resources is counterproductive to the future of both the people and the natural systems that support the citizens of the state. We have spent countless dollars trying to get more water from a very finite as well as variable system through the years. Besides enriching a few at the expense of the many, we have mostly squandered an incredible gift that was here when the first settlers arrived just a few hundred years ago.

Any actions encouraged by the CalFed plan need to maximize water efficiency and conservation, remove barrier dams and maintain or increase instream flows. Only in this way can habitat be restored for the fish and wildlife which have been so sadly decimated in recent years. Also any new dams (even so-called off stream dams) or the raising of existing dams should be resisted as forcefully as possible.

The new millenium provides a symbolic "fresh slate" to begin to right the errors of the past era of exploitation and development for strictly economic reasons.

Please think about the future for your grandchildren and theirs and let's see if we can't begin to undo some of the damage done by our predecessors.

As a member of Cal-Trout I strongly encourage you to consult with the experts on our team to help plan the direction we will be taking in the years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tory J/Ceschi